

**Anna Chao**  
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**Anna Chao provided leadership for the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Program. She was chosen into this highly selective scholarship for health sciences students to implement a service project to an underserved community in the Chicago metropolitan area. She worked with the Community Health Center, a community based agency serving predominately immigrant families without health insurance. This agency was in need of pharmaceutical care, upgrading of its dispensary, and securing products from different drug companies in order for the volunteer physicians to treat its clients. She was able to introduce pharmacy policies and procedures to address the overall welfare of this population. She was able to implement indigent drug reimbursement mechanisms to provide for prescription coverage for many of the uninsured patients, as well as facilitate free drug sample acquisitions. She also demonstrated peer leadership as she recruited and directed several additional pharmacy students to work with her and the clinic staff to provide the much needed services.**

**Anna has been described as a self-reflective practitioner, applying herself endlessly to specific needs arising in the underserved minority population. She sought out resources, overcame several obstacles, and developed time management strategies during the work process.**

**Anna has demonstrated a dedication to her ideals, excellent communication skills, is mature and responsible in all ways. She is a “champion” for the community and the practice of pharmacy and has set a fine image for UIC in community health circles.**